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To: [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Petersen, Chris](#); [Smith, Monica](#)
Cc: [Edlund, Carl](#)
Subject: FW: update on CES Environmental Services
Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016 5:02:46 PM

What is going on with this request? Arturo sent us Mr. Blackburn's request and questions several weeks ago. Last time Arturo brought it up you responded that Gary had been out and we would have a response shortly. Do they not like our answers or have we not responded? If they don't like our answers, send us a copy of what you sent. If we haven't responded, tell us the specific date next week that you will have a response and let's discuss the response before you send.

From: Phillips, Pam
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 4:56 PM
To: Blanco, Arturo
Cc: Edlund, Carl ; Anderson, Israel ; Smith, Rhonda
Subject: Re: update on CES Environmental Services
I apologize. We thought you had the responses some time ago. Will follow up

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2016, at 4:21 PM, Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Carl,
I need your help. Having been there working on CES issues when I was in Houston, I vividly understand the community concerns, not knowing. I would like us (EPA) to help convene a community meeting involving EPA, TCEQ, TDSHS, and the City of Houston, just as we have effectively done in other cases in other areas. If all these agencies participate, it would provide a nice flow of what has been done and what lies ahead that residents next to CES would appreciate. Can you help us working together engaging the agencies?

Arturo

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Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 11:22 AM
To: Anderson, Israel <Anderson.Israel@epa.gov>
Cc: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>; Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>; Paul Charles <pcharles@nrcdc.org>
Subject: RE: update on CES Environmental Services

Israel. I appreciate your prompt response. I look forward to

receiving the written responses. I am receiving pressure to get political figures involved in the ask for a public meeting. I am not sure if I can hold this back much longer. I would prefer that this come from EPA and TCEQ if at all possible, I think it works better that way for all concerned. Please get back with me ASAP regarding either answers to the questions or an answer to the request for a public meeting. On the scale of things, a request for a public meeting does not seem that much of an “ask”, given the prior involvement of EPA at the site. Thanks. Jim Blackburn

From: Anderson, Israel [<mailto:Anderson.Israel@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2016 10:02 AM

To: Jim Blackburn <jbb@blackburncarter.com>

Cc: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>; Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: update on CES Environmental Services

I just left a message for the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program manager for the CES Environmental Services site asking him to call me to give a status of their work to address the questions that you posed to TCEQ.

Jim I do not have anything new to report about the potential for a public meeting. The approach that TCEQ seems to want to take is to provide responses to the questions you posed along with those that EPA Superfund program provides and then to have a discussion with you about those responses. They’ve not committed to a public meeting yet. They’ve not said no yet either.

My plan is to provide both EPA Region 6 Superfund responses and TCEQ responses to your questions and then proceed forward from there.

From: Jim Blackburn [<mailto:jbb@blackburncarter.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 6:43 PM

To: Anderson, Israel <Anderson.Israel@epa.gov>

Cc: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>; Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov>

Subject: update on CES Environmental Services

Israel. Is there anything new to report about a potential public meeting by EPA and/or TCEQ regarding the CES Environmental Services site in Houston. I am getting some pushback from citizens that are getting impatient. Thanks. Blackburn.